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PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
OPTIONS BUILDING RELOCATION AND RECONSTRUCTION DRAFT
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
LINN COUNTY, IOWA
FEMA-1763-DR-IA

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the relocation and reconstruction of the Options Building. The original building was destroyed by the flooding in June 2008. FEMA was authorized under a Presidential disaster declaration (FEMA-1763-DR-IA) to provide Federal disaster assistance to Linn County, Iowa as a result of damages incurred during the incident period beginning on May 25, 2008 and ending August 13, 2008 (Section 408 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 USC 5121-5206, as amended (Stafford Act, Public Law 93-288)).

The Proposed Action would involve building a new 50,322 square foot building located at a 7.74 to 8.75 acre parcel within the proposed 42.53 acre Prairie Ridge Business Park, located on the corner of 12th Street and 26th Avenue in the City of Cedar Rapids. The new facility would be built to current codes and standards as adopted by the City of Cedar Rapids, Iowa,

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), and associated environmental statutes, a DEA has been prepared to evaluate the proposed action's potential impacts on the human and natural environment. The DEA summarizes the purpose and need, site selection process, affected environment, and potential environmental consequences associated with the proposed action. The public comment period will be from October 9 to November 8, 2009. Written comments on the DEA can be e-mailed to FEMA-IRC-EHP@dhs.gov or faxed to FEMA's Iowa Recovery Office in Urbandale, Iowa at (515) 331-7190. The DEA can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at:

<http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/index.shtm>

If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA will become final and this initial Public Notice will also serve as the final Public Notice. Then this DEA will be moved to the archives page at:

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